



Southwest Allen County Schools

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Superintendent

1. Action.

TO: Board of School Trustees

DATE: May 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the May 5, 2015 Minutes

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Southwest Allen County met on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, in the Administration Conference Room. The following board members were present:

John Blum
Mark Gilpin
Meagan Milne
Tom Rhoades
Jennifer Couch

NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL MOTIONS FOR BOARD ACTION WERE DULY MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. ALL PROPOSALS AND POLICIES FOR THE ACTION ITEMS ARE ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Each SACS School has named their **2015 Teacher of the Year:**

Aboite Elementary:	Sarah Schenkel, Grade 2
Covington Elementary:	Sherrill Uhey, Grade 3
Deer Ridge Elementary:	Sue Caudill, Music
Haverhill Elementary:	Jean Russell, Literacy Coach
Lafayette Meadows Elementary:	Melissa Didier, Learning Center
Whispering Meadows Elementary:	Annie Northquist, ESL
Summit Middle School:	Shelley Schenkel, Grade 7, Science
Woodside Middle School:	Shannon Springer, Grade 6, Reading
Homestead High School:	Dave Panning, Mathematics

Homestead teacher, Brittany Straub was awarded the **NBC33 Excellence in Education award** for April.

Homestead Junior, Jenna Madjlessi, was accepted in the **Indiana Youth Leadership Forum** for this summer. The Indiana Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting overnight program based at Indianapolis University designed to develop students' with disabilities leadership, legislation and self-advocacy skills to be leaders by example in their own lives and communities.

Students are able to interact and learn from other young individuals with similar and diverse disabilities, spending time learning together about how they can be an advocate for themselves out in the community.

Students will expand their knowledge of the disability culture with exposure and practical opportunities to meet with successful adults who have accomplished and achieved despite their disabilities.

Homestead Senior, Beresford Clarke, was named the **2015 U.S. Presidential Scholar** for the State of Indiana, an honor bestowed to only one male and female graduating senior each year from each state, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Congratulations to Homestead's **Academic Decathlon Team** who competed for the first time at the national level. Homestead placed 10th in the country in the large school division. Individual awards were obtained by *Ben Harris*; a top individual scorer and *Spencer North* who placed 2nd in Essay in the Scholastic Division.

Homestead competed in the **Windsong Film Festival** winning in the following categories:

Music Video

First Place: *Fixing A Hole*

Drake White
Suzanne Peters
Cameron Frank
Eli Sheerer

Second Place: *High School Never Ends*

Jordan Nussear
Emma Cesar
Aimee Wildrick

Animation

First Place: *Playtime*

Jordan Nussear

Second Place: *Thug Life*

Drake White
Casey Stanley
Seth Snider

Public Service Announcement

First Place: *Anxiety*

Annie Pham

Second Place: *Choose Your Words Carefully*

Casey Stanley
Rylie Read

Kyle Leland was named Homestead's 2015 **Sertoma Award winner**.

Homestead competed at the **DECA International** Competition in Orlando where Stephen Mattson, Puneeth Meruva, and Ben Martin finished second. Joey Zirille won one of four *Walgreens National Scholarships*.

BOARD ACTION:

AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board approved:

Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Minutes
Bills, Claims, Payroll and Accounts
Personnel Recommendations

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Student Artwork** as presented by Dr. Philip Downs, Superintendent. (Reference page 1926)

Students recognized for their artwork included:

Aboite Elementary: Cameron Witzigreuter, Grade 5; Covington Elementary: Kenzie Woodard, Grade 4 and Cameron Elder, Grade 3; Deer Ridge: Reilly Wennemar, Grade 5; Haverhill Elementary: Zoe Donaghy, Grade 1; Lafayette Meadows: Elize Todd, Grade 2; Whispering Meadows: Alicen Rorick, Grade 4; Summit Middle School: Ryan Graney, Grade 8 and Jake Parker, Grade 8; Woodside Middle School: Adam Delong, Grade 7; Homestead High School: Madison Moore, Grade 12 and Christina Jesse, Grade 12.

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of New Middle School Elective Courses for the 2015-2016 school year** as presented by Jerry Schillinger, Woodside Principal. (Reference page 1927)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Report on Literacy** as presented by Jean Russell, Krista Berning, Jennifer Court, Lori Schreck, and Sarina Schroeder, Literacy Specialists. (Reference page 1928)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of No Transportation Zones for Covington and Deer Ridge Elementary Schools and Woodside Middle School** as presented by Dave Rarick, Director of Transportation. (Reference page 1929)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of Revision to Coordinator Position Description** as presented by Phyllis Davis, Director of Human Resources. (Reference page 1930)

The Board of School Trustees heard a **Recommendation for discussion of 2015 Bus Replacement** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. **Recommendation was to purchase four (4) busses.** (Reference page 1931)

The Board of School Trustees passes a **Recommendation of approval of donation** as presented by Jim Coplen, Business Manager. (Reference page 1932)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Member _____

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